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## **Mental health organization honors Sen. Hammerstrom** *Senator recognized for advocacy, dedication*

**LANSING** – During their annual Board of Directors Community Reception, Community Network Services recognized state Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, as a “Friend of Mental Health.”

CNS lauded Hammerstrom for her efforts to improve mental health services in Michigan, as well as her work to improve the quality of life for Michigan’s residents, especially those with mental illness.

“Senator Hammerstrom is an inspiration to those of us in the human service field with her long commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life especially to those with mental illness,” said CNS president Altona Rose. “She motivated us to continue our passion of service and advocacy. CNS knows that fighting for those with mental illness is sometimes an uphill battle, but Senator Hammerstrom has persevered. CNS is proud to recognize Senator Beverly S. Hammerstrom as a ‘Friend of Mental Health.’”

Hammerstrom helped re-write the state’s mental health code while serving in the House of Representatives and continues to make mental health issues a priority as chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee.

Community Network Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit, human services agency that provides comprehensive mental health and social services. Currently, 175 professionals, paraprofessionals and support staff work together to serve more than 1,800 customers in Oakland County.

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